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**UTILITY PATENT**  
**APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Enclosed for filing is an ☒ original patent application or, ☐ a continuation-in-part patent application, by inventor(s) Radia J. Perlman, entitled TRANSPARENT INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN MULTIPLE NETWORK LINKS TO FORM A SINGLE VIRTUAL NETWORK LINK.

No. of pages in Application: 37; No. of Claims: 40.

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Also enclosed are:

- ☐ a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 in
- ☐ a separate document ☐ the declaration;
- ☒ Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i);
- ☐ a certified copy of the priority document;
- ☐ an Associate Power of Attorney;
- ☐     verified statement(s) claiming small entity status;
- ☒ a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney of the inventors(s);
- ☐ a signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney of the inventors will follow;
- ☒ an Assignment document and form PTO-1595;
- ☐ a Power of Attorney by Assignee; and
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

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CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$770.00
Total Claims	40	MINUS 20 =	20	\$18.00=	\$360.00
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3 =	0	\$86.00=	\$0.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$260.00					0
Total Application Fee					\$1,130.00
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Add Recording Fee of \$40.00 if Assignment document is enclosed					\$40.00
<b>TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE</b>					<b>\$1,170.00</b>

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 1,170.00 is enclosed.
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<b>REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)</b>		First Named Inventor	<b>Radia J. Perlman</b>
		Title	<b>TRANSPARENT INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN MULTIPLE NETWORK LINKS TO FORM A SINGLE VIRTUAL NETWORK LINK</b>
		Attorney Docket Number	<b>SUN03-0145-SPL</b>

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